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Mr. John C. Becker
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Department of Highways
Box 1841
Juneau, Alaska

Dear John:

This letter is in regard to our meeting on January 8 concerning the Klawak-Half Mile Creek highway project and its impact on the fishery resources of Klawak Creek. As you have gathered from Commissioner Kirkness' letter of December 12, and from our January 8 meeting, the Department of Fish and Game attaches special importance to the value of Klawak Creek as a producer of both sport and commercial fish. Because of the importance of this creek, we are extremely anxious to avoid any possibility of incurring damage to its spawning gravel.

I would like to express my appreciation for your willingness to consider the position of the Department of Fish and Game on the present location of the Klawak-Half Mile highway, and for your further willingness to explore on the ground possible relocations of the road in areas of close contact with the creek. In this regard, Carl Rosier will be in contact with your office to set up a survey date after the 20th of January.

Sincerely,

ALASKA DEPARTMENT OF FISH AND GAME

Stanley D. Swanson, Director
Commercial Fisheries Division

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